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URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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PEOPLE LIVING BELOW POVERTY LINE
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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the data relating to the number of people living below poverty line in the Urban Areas are worked out separately;

(b) if so, the total number thereof, and their ratio to the Urban Population in percentage; and

(c) the number of years during which poverty islikely to be eradicated in urban areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA):

(a) The Planning Commission estimates the population living below poverty line at national and State level both from the urban and rural areas separately, from the large sample surveys on household consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) at an interval of approximately five years. The latest two such surveys relate to the period 1993-94 (50th round) and 1999-2000 (55th Round)

(b) As per the 55th Round of NSSO Survey, the total number of urban poor in 1999-2000 is 67.1 million, which is 23.62 percent of the total urban population.

(c) Reduction of poverty ratio by 5 percentage points by 2007 and by 15 percentage points by 2012 has been fixed in the Tenth Five Year Plan.